

In His Image:

The Sanctity of Human Life



“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image,
according to Our likeness...” – Gen. 1:26 (NASB)

Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA
April 23rd, AD 2023

The LORD'S Day

The Twenty-third Day of April, *in the Year of our Lord* 2023

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!



Sunday School—9:30 AM.



The Doctrine of Divine Election has a prevailing impact and pervasive influence upon every aspect of what a person believes concerning GOD, MAN, SIN, SALVATION, DIVINE GRACE & JUSTICE, and GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY & acts of PROVIDENCE.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"Praise God from Whom all Blessings"* (#554)

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"O Worship the King"* (#60).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: *Genesis 8:20-9:7.*

Prayer, Praises, and Testimony.

Hymn: *"Praise Him! Praise Him!"* (#59).

Announcements.

Hymn: *"And Can it be That I Should Gain"* (#57).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"IN HIS IMAGE: THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE."*

Closing Hymn:* *"Jesus Paid it All"* (#146).

Benediction.*



The Congregation will please arise, if able.



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Week of April 16 – 22

Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—I6;

Midweek—5; Weekly Offering—\$543.⁷⁵

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—6:30 PM

Join us to unleash the mighty **power of prayer**! We continue with the thrilling narrative of **Daniel 5**!



BIBLE CONFERENCE



On **May 13**, Pastor Reese is serving as Moderator at the **Allegheny Conservative Grace Brethren Conference** at Camp Albryoca, Greenville Twp., near Meyersdale, PA; **Pastor**

Tom Johnson of the Somerset GBC will be serving as Vice Moderator. Both Pastor Johnson and **Pastor Chris Knight** of the Listie GBC will be providing **special music**. Pastor Reese's chosen Conference Theme concerns the matter of **Biblical Authority**, which will be considered both in terms of doctrinal conviction and in terms of personal lifestyle/application. There is a genuine crisis in in today's breezy and pragmatic evangelical culture, in that more-and-more, our people are not only Biblically and doctrinally *uninformed*, but increasingly *indifferent* to their Biblical illiteracy! In today's climate, "*feel-ology*" (i.e., "*what I feel*") clearly trumps *theology* (i.e., what God actually *teaches* in His Word). There will be special breakout sessions for both the men & the ladies, and lunch is provided. **Everyone is welcome**—let us know if you plan to attend! We will be happy to provide transportation.

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AFRICA UPDATE

From: Pastor Keith Merriman (keithamerriman1998@gmail.com)

April 10, 2023,

Good morning dear brethren—Hope you had a wonderful Easter Sunday! **Salomon and Mary** were able to obtain their **visas**—thank you for all your prayers! Please continue to pray for all the details to be worked out to get them to America.

Thanks for your reminder to me to give you an update on **Margaret Otudo**. Her cast is off and she is mending. She is still on crutches for a few more weeks. Thanks again for your prayers. God bless, Keith



April 19, 2023,

Dear beloved brethren, greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ. **I have some good news and some bad news.** Good news first.

Pastor Simon Peter Otudo is planting another church in Eastern Uganda in the town of Serere. **Otim David**, who had been attending a Presbyterian church, heard of the Grace Brethren and Pastor Simon Peter and requested Simon Peter to come and visit him. Simon Peter went last week. He met with David and his wife Christine and about a dozen other people who were dissatisfied with the Presbyterian church. Simon Peter went through the whole statement of faith of the CGBCI with them and they requested to be baptized. David said "praise the Lord this is what I have been looking for." Simon Peter returned to Akwarkwar and then sent a team of his back to Serere last Thursday and **they led 6 souls to Christ**. Next week Simon Peter with some other men plan to go back and do the baptisms. **Pray** they can find a place with enough water! The group is currently meeting in a rented house in the village. **Pray** that the Lord will continue to bless this group and that they will be faithful to the Lord.

Now the bad news! The **Otimonga GBC** in eastern Uganda has been infiltrated by **false teachers** from the Kingdom Global Alliance ministry (speaking in tongues, prophecy, health and wealth, etc). One man and one woman (from the US) came to the church and offered to buy them land and put up a building if they would join with them. Simon Peter said the pastor (John Peter) and the majority of the church was willing to follow the false doctrine. **Please pray** for those who want to stay true to the Word of God and that they will depart from this group. Simon Peter told me that Satan is so powerful in that area.

Thanks for your gifts and prayers—God bless, Keith